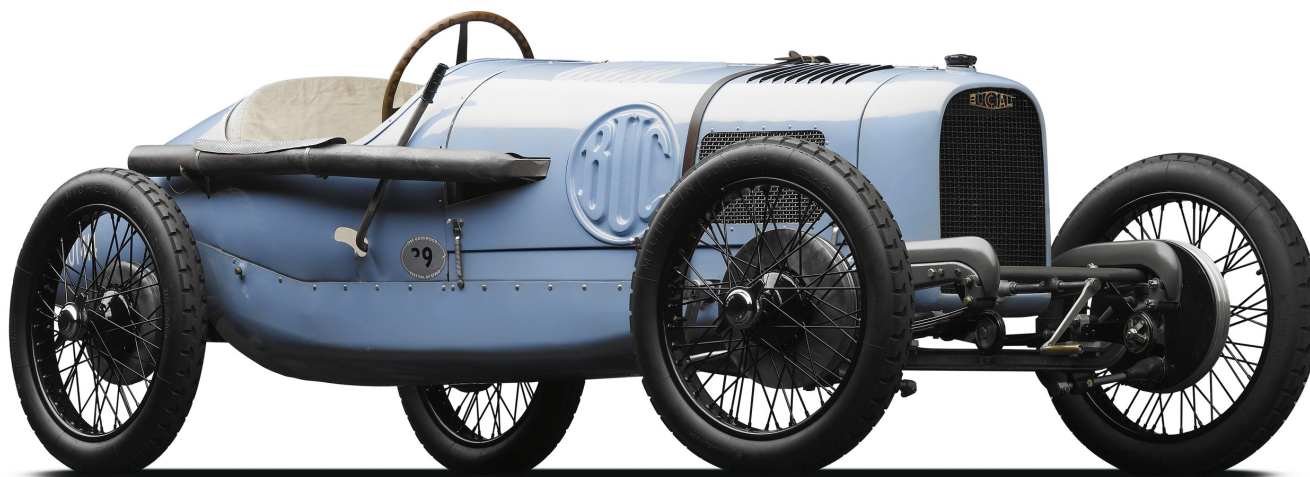


BUCCIALI B6-C24
BUC 1924





An Original Buc

This rare racer's streamlined shape is an ideal form based on aerodynamic principles garnered from the Bucciali brother's fascination with aviation.

Dubbed the "Buc," the B6-C24 was a sophisticated grand prix model with slender, tapered coachwork like that of an airplane wing.

The B6-C24 appeared in 1923—a streamlined prototype racecar that drew its design from the world of aerodynamic

sciences. The example in the Mullin Collection is the only one of its kind and stands out as an early example of aviation's influence on the automotive industry.

Bucciali, begun by Angelo Joseph and Albert Bucciali, was a small French firm that produced few models from 1923 to 1936. Like other young and curious engineers of the day, they were swept up by the era's irrepressible attraction to aviation. Bucciali built his own craft in 1911, taking inspiration from the Blériot XI,



and also flew in the SPAD (Société pour l'aviation et ses derives), or Stork, Squadron during World War I. It was only natural for the firm's first experiment in automobile construction to derive many of its features from the realm of aviation.

The car was originally fitted with a Causan six-cylinder engine, which was replaced by a four-cylinder model in 1925. After three years of racing, the B6-C24 was destroyed in 1927 during the San Sebastián Grand Prix in Spain. All that was left of the smart, sleek racecar was the first six-cylinder engine, the drivetrain parts, and the original construction drawings. These items were safely stored and finally purchased by collector Uwe Hücke in 1982. Between 1989 and 2002 Hücke precisely reconstructed the Buc, not only creating a beautiful machine but preserving the only original B6-C24 in existence.

The B6-C24 was delivered to, Célérier, a driver from southwestern France in 1925.

Its six-cylinder engine was switched out for a four-cylinder version for the racing competition held in Boulogne on August 28, 1925. With its four-cylinder engine, the B6-C24 was listed in the Buccalli catalogue under the name Buc Spéciale Competition, but it remained the only one of its type.

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PROFILE

Coachbuilder	Reconstruction of a Buc racecar
Chassis number	C2401
Profile type	Grand Prix
Body type	Grand Prix
Production span	1924
Acceleration	0
Top Speed	unavailable

BODY | CHASSIS

Length	13' 5"
Height (Ground line to highest roof)	3' 6"
Width	4' 10"

ENGINE

Number of cylinders	6
Displacement	1946
BHP at 4300 RPM	55
Number of gears	6
Overdrive	0



